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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PL, VT

SUBJECT: INITIAL IMPRESSIONS ON CASOROLI VISIT TO POLAND

REF: ROME 2565

1. WE QUESTION WHETHER THE SOVIETS ARE IN FACT OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL POLISH-VATICAN RELATIONS IF THE PRICE PAID BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF THE CHURCH, CAN BE KEPT SMALL. THE SOVIETS, WE PRESUME, AGREED TO THE 1951 LAW ON THE STATUS OF THE CHURCH IN POLAND AND MIGHT AGREE TO A RESTATEMENT OF THIS LAW AND SOME OTHER CONCES-

SIONS SUCH AS A FASTER PACE IN CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

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PROVIDING THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STATUS OF THE POLISH

CHURCH ARE MORE SUPERFICIAL THAN REAL. RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN PROVIDE A BOOST TO THE LEGITIMACY AND PERMANENCE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIMES WHICH THESE REGIMES CAN USE.

2. WHILE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS MIGHT BE SEEN IN SOME QUARTERS (PARA 4, REFTEL) AS A DEMONSTRATION OF POLES AND HUNGARIANS FOLLOWING OWN INTERESTS APART FROM USSR, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT SHARE INTERPRETATION THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE OPPOSED, OR SEE SUCH STEPS AS BEING IN CONFLICT WITH SOVIET INTERESTS. CASEY

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